

Maryville named one of '30 Safest College Towns in America' for 2016

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SafeWise names Maryville one of the 30 Safest College Towns in America for 2016.

SafeWise ranked Maryville as the 28th Safest College Town in America for 2016 Sept. 7. To compile the report, SafeWise analysts review the most recent FBI crime data from 2014, specifically property crime per capita and violent crime per capita, of towns with a minimum population of 10,000 people and an accredited school. Analysts then factor in community safety initiatives in those towns.

In the report, SafeWise recognizes Maryville as a city displaying civic pride through public and private beautification projects and cooperative efforts, bringing residents together for the betterment of the town. The report goes on to add that these ideals are mirrored by Northwest Missouri State University, which includes servant leadership, collaboration and provides beautiful surroundings in its core mission and values.



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University Police Officer Kevin Hawkins watches over the Northwest student section during the Bearcat's home opener Sept. 8.



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University police officer Anthony Williams was recently awarded the 30 before 40 award.

Officer earns national recognition

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A national police organization recognized a University Police officer for his contributions to the force and his community.

Officer Anthony Williams was named one of the International Association of Chiefs of Police's (IACP) 40 under 40. The honor is awarded to officers all over the world based on merits associated with outstanding police officers.

Williams is 27 has been a member of UPD since 2010. While at the University, Williams participated in self-defense training, drug and alcohol training and has worked on security policies, to name a few of his involvements.

Williams said he appreciates the recognition he received but he did not expect it.

"It's honorable, first and foremost," Williams said. "Just to be recognized by your peers and (University Police) Chief Green who nominated me for the award is a great honor."

While he will certainly not be declining the award, Williams said he is not someone accustomed to the limelight and prefers more simple gestures.

"The biggest reward for me has just been the 'thank you's,'" Williams said. "At first, the award

hadn't set in and I was nervous because I'm not one for big honors, thank you has always been enough me. It's a great honor so I'm trying to take it as humbly as possibly."

University Police Chief Clarence Green nominated Williams for this award and noted his exemplary work with different communities as a major factor.

"He is an example of what every police officer should be," Green said in a press release by the University. "Growing up in the urban core of Omaha, Nebraska, has allowed him to have experiences that are difficult to understand. His experiences of being raised in Omaha, accompanied with his education, training and development, have allowed him to make connections with members of our community who traditionally are not supportive of police."

Williams was shocked Green chose to go with him.

"I just kind of looked at him and said, 'are you kidding me?'," Williams said. "Of all the people he could have chose, he chose me. To this day I still can't believe it."

Williams got involved in security and police work during college. He worked security for the University as a student. His friends decided to become police officers and Williams said he thought it would be a good idea to join them. In 2010 he graduated from Missouri

Western State University law enforcement academy. He returned to Northwest and finished his bachelor's degree in corporate recreation and wellness in 2012.

Williams said his dream in the policing field would be to work on any part of security for athletics. He said he has a passion for sports and policing athletic events has been one of his favorite parts of working for UPD.

He said his philosophy to being a good police officer hinges on the balancing the badge.

"I think what's most important is for officers is to not lose themselves in the job," Williams said. "So many people sometimes end up losing themselves and forgetting why they got into the job in the first place. I think some people lose that factor and allow themselves to have more power than they should."

In response to the strife between social groups and the police that continues to rise across the country, Williams said understanding and communication is paramount to developing a bridge between the community and police.

"When I look at people, I try to see the good in them before the bad," Williams said. "There are going to be bad people out there, but not all of us are bad. Get to know us. Come out to our events and talk to us."

Missouri governor's race highlights 2016 state elections

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As the general election quickly approaches, Missouri will play host to a contentious race for its open governor seat.

With incumbent Jay Nixon (D) restricted by term limits and therefore unable to run, Missouri's gubernatorial race is up for grabs. The primary elections in August narrowed the field from nine candidates to three: Attorney General Chris Koster (D), CEO of The Mission Continues Eric Greitens (R) and Cisse Spragins (L).

Koster has been attorney general for Missouri since 2009 and before that, he spent four years in the Missouri state senate as a Republican. His split between the two parties would explain why he has liberal ideas about some social issues such as healthcare and gay rights but holds a conservative view on things like gun control.

According to the KC Star,

Koster supports two bills previously vetoed by Nixon. One would require voters to bring a photo I.D. with them and another would eliminate training requirements to carry a concealed weapon. These two bills go against the typical Democrat platform, but Koster sees the former as a solid compromise on voter I.D. laws. The latter is slightly farther outside the liberal cannon, but it did bolster his opinion with conservatives as he is one of few Democrats with the National Rifle Association stamp of approval.

However, with the possibility of concealed carry weapons reaching college campuses, some students argue more training is necessary.

"It's kind of scary to think someone would be able to conceal a firearm and it's terrifying to think they may not be trained properly to use it," sophomore Terry Simmons said.

Even though the Missouri candidate for the left finds himself leaning to the right, Republican's Greitens is taking up the full conservative

mantel. He is following the Republican creed of political shake up and the battle against government corruption. According to his website, Greitens intends to limit terms for statewide officials, eliminate lobbyist gifts and be a champion for the middle class.

His platform continues to follow the same pattern. Greitens' website displays a belief in police rights, strengthening the 2nd amendment, cutting spending and stance against abortion.

According to Saint Louis Public Radio, Greitens is against a bill that would prohibit the government from imposing penalties on businesses that refuse to participate in same-sex marriage ceremonies because of "sincere religious belief". However, Greitens explained in a candidate forum at Lindenwood University his stance against the bill is not because of the ideals behind it, but the means by which it is executed.

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Students given chance to air grievances

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Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents decided Sept. 8 to put forward a student grievance policy, upholding student concerns to a better listening campus.

Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said the Board of Regents realized a missing key policy that allows a protocol for students to have grievances heard on campus at the University.

As practice in higher education and expected at institutions, he admits it was something that Northwest Missouri State University didn't realize was needed over the years.

"It came from a policy audit that said if, let's say a student says he or she didn't get due pro-

cess in a conduct where he or she got accused of violating a policy, the student didn't have these rights upheld. We have a policy for that, so we would go through the conduct process to have the appeal heard," Baker said.

With the addition of the student grievance policy, students have a way to voice their concerns on subjects not only related to policy.



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University to offer weekly meditation

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University Wellness Services aims to promote overall wellness through weekly meditation and a Mindfulness Series.

Wellness Services announced it will offer free weekly meditation every Tuesday and Thursday. Northwest students, faculty and staff members are welcome to participate in the sessions. Wellness Services encourages participants to bring a pillow or thick towel to meditation sessions to sit on.

Wellness Services Counselor Dr. Michael Mattock says meditation offers many benefits.

“Meditation has been proven to enhance the overall health and well-being of people who practice it on a routine basis,” Mattock said. “Additional benefits include improved focus and attention and a sense of inner calmness.”

Mattock also notes meditation has been practiced for thousands of years by individuals throughout the world and is not exclusively associated with any specific belief system or religious denomination.

Along with free weekly meditation, Wellness Services will also host a Mindfulness Series.

The first Mindfulness Series event, “Breathing to Increase Focus and Reduce Stress,” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 21 in the First Ladies Dining Room, third Floor J.W. Jones Student Union. During this event, participants will learn to use their breath, “cue words” and visual imagery to calm themselves in stressful situations and to increase their overall level of relaxation. Wellness Services encourages bringing a pillow and blanket to this event.

The second Mindfulness Series event, “Emotional Mindfulness,” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 5 in The Station Executive Lounge. At this event, participants explore a

powerfully effective way of responding respectfully and adaptively to all of their emotions as a means of working through day-to-day difficulties, as well as fostering personal growth and creativity.

The third Mindfulness Series event, “Self-Maps: Mapping a Balanced, Strength-Based Course to Greater Self-Fulfillment,” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 19 in The Station Executive Lounge. During this event, participants will be asked to explore how they open themselves and close themselves off from life for the purpose of comfort and/or safety. They will also focus on specific ways to expand more fully into life in a balanced and healthy manner.

The last event of the Mindfulness Series, “30-Day Mindfulness Program,” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 2, 6, and 30 in the First Ladies Dining Room, third Floor J.W. Jones Student Union. At this three-session program, participants will learn to increase mindfulness of a variety of aspects of life.

Northwest students, faculty and staff members are welcome to participate in the Mindfulness Series. All Mindfulness Series events and programs are free to attend.

Senior Mass Media: Audio & Production major Taylor Hardin is enrolled in yoga this trimester. According to Dictionary.com, Yoga is a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline, including breath control, simple meditation and the adoption of specific bodily postures, widely practiced for health and relaxation. Hardin says based off his yoga experience, he’d be more apt to attend the meditation events offered by Wellness Services.

“I started doing yoga the first Tuesday of classes,” Hardin said. “It’s pretty cool. I’m terrible at it; it’s pretty hard at times. But, it’s really stress relieving and I don’t think people understand how relaxed you feel after you meditate. A lot of benefits come from practicing meditation.”

Weekly Meditation Sessions

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FILE PHOTO

The Missouri Hope disaster simulation allows students to get hands on training with professional crisis management teams.

Local agencies help prepare students

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Missouri Hope 2016 will provide the Northwest and Maryville community a chance to participate in intensive disaster scenarios Oct. 7-9.

The exercise requires Northwest Missouri State University emergency disaster management (EDM) majors and other participants to immerse themselves in various scenarios involving water evacuation, cliff rescue, surgical trauma, emergency medical tents, disaster situations, advanced disaster situations and more. While training is focused on areas specific to the EDM majors, students of all majors and minors may participate in the training alongside local and state responders. Missouri Hope 2016 represents the fourth year of participation at Moberly Outdoor Education Recreation Area (MOERA).

Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences Peter Adam has assisted in coordinating volunteers since 2012. The role players involved will be tended to, rescued, evacuated and treated for fake injuries by members of the medical community as well as police, firefighters, army and army reserve.

Adam expects volunteer numbers to grow from 240 last year to around 300 to 320 this year. This year’s delivery of Missouri Hope will utilize 10 lanes containing activities for the event compared to six from previous years.

“Missouri Hope is about as old as our EDM program and this our fourth rendition of it,” Adam said. “It’s just became a juggernaut and has gotten bigger and bigger throughout the years.”

Adam has strong hopes for the turnout of participants this year due to the experiences others have had in the past.

“If you speak to the people that have done it, they say it is a lot of fun. It can be a great learning experience even for the role players as well because they get to see how they are treated in a disaster scenario,” Adam said. “We hope that it sponsors some of them to at least get involved with our CERT program, which is a free program training people from the community and Northwest on how to deal with disaster on a small scale to protecting your family.”

Northwest Missouri State graduate student Matt Tohl learned just how traumatic natural disasters are while participating in Missouri Hope during

his senior year. Tohl played the role of a German vacationer who was lost and looking for his dad. Tohls could not communicate in English.

“If you are even considering participating, do it,” Tohl said. “You spend the day roaming around parts of Moberly you might not get to see otherwise, all while having fun coming up with crazy scenarios for responders to deal with.”

A Northwest Missouri State University press release reveals this year’s sponsors Northwest’s Consortium for Humanitarian Service and Education. Partner agencies including Maryville Public Safety, Nodaway and Buchanan County Emergency Management, Nodaway County Ambulance District, LifeFlight and LifeNet Air Ambulances, SEMA Region H Marine Hazmat Team, the 1-129th Field Artillery Battalion Missouri Army National Guard and the 139th Airlift Wing of the Missouri National Guard.

Anyone interested in participating as a role player in Missouri Hope 2016 can contact Adam at pandam@nwmissouri.edu. For more information about Missouri Hope 2016 and Northwest’s emergency disaster management program, contact John Carr at jcarr@nwmissouri.edu

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Miss Missouri first openly gay national pageant contestant

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Miss Missouri Erin O’Flaherty may not have been crowned Miss America Sept. 11, but she is still making history as the first openly gay contestant.

O’Flaherty was crowned Miss Missouri in June and competed for the title of Miss America Sept. 11.

While she did not take the crown home, she plans to raise awareness for suicide prevention and the LGBT youth.

O’Flaherty came out to her family as lesbian when she was 18 years old, and said she was met with overwhelming support. O’Flaherty also said that while she is open about her sexuality, it will not be the sole focus of her reign as Miss Missouri.

“It’s certainly a big part of who I am, and I will be promoting it and raising awareness for the LGBT community. But also there will be many appearances that I do that have nothing to do with that. And so I’m hoping that I can strike a really nice balance of staying true to the values of Miss Missouri and also being able to exercise my personal views,” O’Flaherty said in an interview with Fox News.

O’Flaherty said she understands that she is making history, but she really wants to be treated like all other contestants.

“It’s certainly making history and I’m not sure I set out to do that, but I am the first openly gay Miss Missouri and contestant to head to Miss America, so I am excited about that. But, mainly, I’m excited to represent the LGBT community,” O’Flaherty said in an interview on Good Morning America.

Northwest senior Angela Luna was a competitor in the Miss Missouri Pageant.

Luna was crowned Miss Zona Rosa 2016 and had the opportunity to meet O’Flaherty in Kansas City.

“Erin is awesome. I met her while competing for Miss Kansas City this past year,” Luna said. “She’s a very genuine woman and did very well at Miss America this past week. None of us had any idea she was a lesbian until I overheard her talking to another contestant. I think she represented the LGBT community very well and inspired other women who are afraid to compete or share their sexuality in the pageant world.”

Common Ground President Brittany Coppock spoke about the good O’Flaherty is doing for the LGBT community just by being open about her sexuality.

“I think it is great that the first openly gay contestant is from Missouri. While we have made many accomplishments towards equality, we still have a ways to go,” Coppock said.

“Having an openly gay contestant in a pageant that is very popular will hopefully open up a lot of conversations about the LGBT community, spread awareness and show how people within that community come from many different walks of life. I am hopeful that her competing for Miss America will break down stereotypes associated with the LGBT community.”



Miss Missouri Erin O’Flaherty is the first openly gay contestant in the Miss Missouri and Miss American pageants.

AP IMAGES

FASFA introduces changes to filing process

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) introduces two major changes, impacting schools nationwide in the upcoming financial aid year.

Students will be able to apply for financial aid through FAFSA starting Oct. 1 using tax information from the 2015 tax year. In previous years, a student could not complete the FAFSA application until January when he or she submitted his or her tax information.

“For the 2017-2018 award year, (students) will use the 2015 tax data that most families filed last spring,” Office of Scholarship and Financial Assistance Director Charles Mayfield said.

Mayfield also said having the application available sooner will allow students the opportunity to review their financial aid information earlier. Using 2015 tax data will also be beneficial, as parents will have filed their taxes and be able to use hard numbers instead of estimating at first and then editing the application once taxes have been filed.

Some students have expressed thoughts on using the previous year’s tax data and possibly hurting what they will receive from financial assistance.

“What if someone’s parents had a really good year and now they have to use that tax information twice, and they will have less financial aid?” Sophomore Courtney Deines said.

Mayfield says looking at tax data from two years ago should not hurt a student’s financial status. However, if there is a significant decrease in a family’s income, the student can go under a special review to help the student get the aid he or she needs.

“We do expect to have to do more special reviews because of these changes; the likelihood that someone’s situation is different from two years ago is more likely,” Mayfield said.

There will be a small number of families who will have to undergo the special review because most families’ incomes stay relatively the same from year to year, according to Mayfield. Senior Valorie McKenna says she could have benefited from the changes if they were made sooner.

“I wish this was something I could have utilized. It would have made me stress less about where the money was coming from for me to pay for college,” McKenna said.

The overall goal of the changes to the FAFSA is to be able to help students get their financial aid information sooner, which helps them make sound financial decisions when moving forward in their college careers.

Changes to the FAFSA application were announced Sept. 14, 2015 by President Barack Obama. Students attending college between the dates of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 can access their financial aid application Oct. 1.

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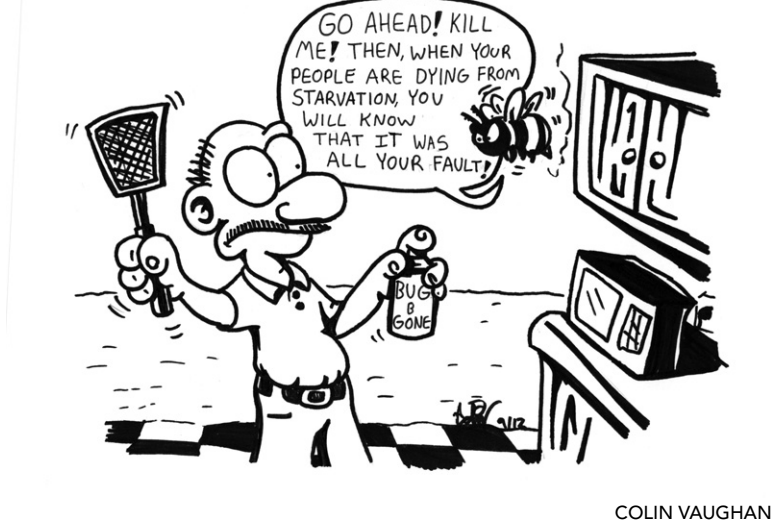
OUR VIEW:

A life without bees is no life at all

The bee population has been steadily declining since the 1990s and without them, humans cannot survive. Since the late 1990s, beekeepers have noticed a rapidly declining bee population, specifically honeybees. The world has lost 40 percent of its bee population, as reported by Greenpeace. Without bees and other insects pollinating crops, mankind could lose up to a third of its food sources. According to Greenpeace, about 87 percent of plants are pol-linated by animals, bees being the largest contributors. Approximately 70 percent of crops worldwide are pollinated by bees. Without the help of bees, hu-mans would not be able to eat. The cost of using human workers to do what bees do is far too slow and ex-pensive to keep up with the growing population. When the bee population drops, so will the human population. These numbers are growing at an unsettling rate. As stated by Greenpeace, Europe has lost 25 percent of its honeybee population since 1985, and 40 percent of honey-

bees in the US have been lost since 2006. The UK alone has dropped 45 percent since 2010. Something needs to change. According to NRDC.org, the downfall of bees can be attributed to four factors: loss of habitat, climate change, disease and pesticides. Loss of habitat is also an issue for bees. As green areas are bull-dozed, bees and other pollinating in-sects lose both their homes and food. Climate change affects bees, too. With winters getting warmer, the plants that bees use as food sources have already bloomed and died by the time bees come out of hibernation. Pesticides and herbicides are detrimental to the bee population. Pesticides are used to kill insects, while herbicides are used to kill the wildflowers bees feed on. These poi-sons can be ingested or inhaled by bees and kill them immediately or over time, depending on exposure. Disease and pesticides go hand-in-hand in the bee community. Pes-ticides weaken a bee’s immune sys-tem, making them more susceptible

to disease. Disease and a weakened immune system leaves a bee more susceptible to pesticide poisoning. The use of pesticides is the easiest of these issues to solve. NRDC.org allows you to make donations to support all of its work as a whole, while NRDC.org and SOS-bees.org both allow you to sign a petition to ban the use of bee-killing pesticides. NRDC.org’s petition asks Bay-er, a healthcare and agricultural en-terprise, and CEO Marijn Dekkers to stop selling bee-killing pesticides. According to Bayer, Dekkers is also the president of the German Chem-ical Industry Association (VCI), a company that states it concerns itself with responsible care of chemicals. Greenpeace, of SOS-bees.org, takes matters a step further. It asks that all pesticides including clo-thianidin, imidacloprid, thiameth-oxam, fipronil, chlorpyrifos, cyper-methrin and deltamethrin, which are harmful to bees and other pollina-tors, are banned and substituted with ecological farming solutions.



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Greenpeace also has the follow-ing demands: endorse non-chemical farming alternatives and increase bio-diversity in agriculture, better assess the risks of pesticides and reduce their use, monitor the health of bees and other pollinators and dedicate more funding to support ecological farming. Greenpeace’s petition has been

signed over 533,000 times. These are changes that need to be made. If they are not, it is pos-sible that bees will become an en-dangered species. To help fight for the bees, vis-it SOS-bees.org or NRDC.org and sign a petition to end the use of bee-killing pesticides.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students respond to dissolution of deaf studies minor

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My name is Lindsey Walter and I’m a junior transfer student. I graduated from Metropolitan Communi-ty College in May 2016 with my As-sociate in Arts of Teaching (AAT). I chose to write this letter to express my disappointment in the way Northwest is handling the Deaf Studies program. Let me tell you a little about myself. When I was a junior in high school, I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do. I thought I wanted to be a teacher, but I knew for sure I wanted to work with kids. But there was something else that I felt like I wanted to do, too. I soon found my-self interested in Sign Language. Once I officially decided I wanted to be a teacher, I was looking at two colleges for myself: University of Central Missouri and Northwest Missouri State University. By the beginning of my senior year, I decided I also wanted to minor in Deaf Studies. Since UCM doesn’t have a Deaf Studies pro-gram, that narrowed my college choices down to one: Northwest. I went on a visit to Northwest January 2015 before I graduated high school. I quickly fell in love with the campus and my decision about what I would study. When people asked me what I wanted to study, I proudly told them that I was majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Deaf Studies. They would then ask me what I wanted to do with my Deaf Studies minor and I told them that, eventu-ally, I wanted to be an interpreter for the d/Deaf.

I was so excited to start col-lege, but I wasn’t able to come to Northwest right away. My first year out of high school, I attend-ed Metropolitan Community Col-lege and got my AAT. I met with Marcy Roush in April to talk more about the Deaf Studies minor and her passion, and it just made me more excited to learn about the d/ Deaf culture. Late this past July, I heard Marcy got her dream job and I was so excited for her. Later I learned that Northwest wasn’t going to allow any more students to join the Deaf Studies program. This upset me a lot, as my deciding fac-tor on which school I wanted to go to came down to this program. School started and I was enrolled in Intro to ASL and Deaf Culture, but I wasn’t sure what to do with that class since it wouldn’t go to-wards my degree now. I decided to meet with the Language, Literature and Writing Chair, Michael Hobbs, Ph.D., I explained my situation to him and asked to be let in the pro-gram, but when I told him I chose Northwest for this minor, all he had to say about it was “Yikes.” During the rest of our conversa-tion, I didn’t feel like he understood my disappointment in what they were doing by letting go of the Deaf Studies program. I know how popu-lar this program is, so I don’t under-stand why Northwest is just drop-ping it so easily. I truly believe that if Northwest cares about its students as much as it claims it does, the Uni-versity would reconsider dissolving the Deaf Studies program.

Dissolving the deaf studies minor affects transfers

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My name is Brittany Cop-pock and I am a junior at North-west. My major is Psychology with minors in Criminal Jus-tice and Deaf Studies. As you know, Northwest is dissolving the Deaf Studies program, and I am writing to explain how much of an impact this would have on students and the com-munity as a whole. I am approximately half way through the minor at the moment. I am enrolled in Sign 2, and will only have two class-es left to complete. I have never had such a meaningful, eye-opening, educational and inspi-rational experience as the Deaf Studies program. This minor changed my life and will con-tinue to do so for many years to come. Every person I have met has found this program to be one of the most important experiences because it teaches you something that can be used on a daily basis: communica-tion. Meeting a deaf person, at least every now and then, is a guarantee. Northwest’s mission state-ment says that Northwest “fo-cuses on student success - ev-

ery student, every day.” The vi-sion statement says that North-west will be “THE university of choice for a comprehensive, ex-ceptional student experience.” Intercultural competence is also listed as a value of Northwest. With this in mind, my question is, how is Northwest focusing on every student, being the uni-versity for a comprehensive and exceptional campus and being interculturally competent, if it is so willing to drop the Deaf Stud-ies program? How can we claim to care about every student if we are not providing our stu-dents with the tools and knowl-edge to communicate with oth-ers? How will our deaf students respond when there will no lon-ger be people on campus who can communicate with them? My question to those who made the decision to drop one of the most popular minors on campus is, do you know how difficult it is to read lips? The Deaf Studies pro-gram on campus is, without a doubt, one of the most popular and most necessary minors of-fered. Every semester, the Intro to ASL and Deaf Culture course has a waiting list and is always overflowing with students. At

the Organization Fair held at the beginning of the semester, we had approximately 60 people sign up to receive more infor-mation about the American Sign Language Club. That is 60 peo-ple who want to learn about deaf culture and American Sign Lan-guage. I work with a person who is deaf and the first time I signed to him was a priceless moment because it was so great to see how excited he was that some-one was able to sign with him and he did not have to rely on lip reading to understand me. This minor is so benefi-cial because it can teach stu-dents about a whole culture that is all around us. It is a minor I, along with all other students, am very passionate about be-cause it helps us to break down language barriers. It is a minor that destroys audism, and helps so many individuals. Dissolving the Deaf Studies minor will be the biggest mistake that North-west Missouri State University will ever make, and it will be a decision that hurts the school in the long run. Northwest cannot be considered a diverse campus if we are not willing to represent and accommodate every culture that walks on our campus.

Learning sign language would benefit everyone

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My name is Jensen Meyer and I am a sophomore here at Northwest Missouri State University. My major is Elementary Education, with double minors in Early Childhood Educa-tion and Deaf Studies, along with a certifica-tion in Early Childhood Special Education. My freshman year, I took Intro to Amer-ican Sign Language and Deaf Studies, and this past summer I took Sign I. These class-es, with Jamie Casteel and Marcy Roush, completely changed my opinion about sign language. Northwest is one of the only schools in the area with Sign Language program. The Deaf Studies minor and its presence at Northwest affects my education greatly.

I am an education major, specifically one who wants to teach preschoolers who are hard of hearing, d/Deaf or have disabilities. To do this, I need to be able to contin-ue my education in Deaf Studies. I teach my preschool students sign language, as well as my younger siblings. I know that I am not the only sign student at Northwest this affects. Many other students work with children who use sign language. I think, as the program grows each year, many students find the benefits it brings in their life. There are many perks to learning Sign Language, and not just for education majors. It opens up more opportunities for a job after graduation. Someone with knowledge of sign lan-guage has a higher chance of employment. Consider a business major who works at a

corporation would have the potential for more clients. This can be taken for any ma-jor. Through this, a community is brought closer together. Sign language can open up so many connections throughout the world. This can be through educators, businesses, and friendships. I encourage anyone at North-west to consider taking Intro to American Sign Language and Deaf Culture as a course. That being said. It has been rumored that Northwest is discarding the Deaf Studies minor. At this moment, all of the sign students are uncertain if the mi-nor will continue after this year. We have heard nothing about the minor disappear-ing from our teachers. Marcy and Jamie have been absolute-ly amazing and more than willing to work with us. There has been significant growth

and interest in the sign program at North-west. Marcy transitioned to a job at the Iowa School of the Deaf, but she is still teaching our course online, as well as meeting with us often on the weekends. The class is just as rigorous. There is a possibility faculty has been discouraging students from enrolling in sign courses due to its nonexistence, but this is far from the truth. We are all equally, if not more, committed than before. All of this uncertainty has caused a large amount of stress and anger for the sign lan-guage students. All parties involved would appreciate being more informed, as it does affect the future of many.

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The age of social media has opened many lines of communication, but customer service still leaves much to be desired. Conservative comedian Amanda Carpenter tweted in February that she was stuck in an Amtrak elevator at Baltimore-Washington Airport. Amtrak tweeted back at her this week asking if she was still stuck inside. Thank you, Amtrak.



Oh, my thank you for this but I was trapped months ago. Like last February. Thanks for checking...? Ha.

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@amandacarpenter We are sorry to hear that. Are you still in the elevator?

RETWEETS 11 LIKES 44

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SOURCE: WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM

Lisa Lobree, a Philadelphia woman, was walking down the street when a catfish fell down and smacked her in the face. Authorities believe the fish was most likely dropped by a bird, but the 16-inch catfish came as quite a shock to Lobree.

To spread body positivity, a group of cyclists rode naked through the streets of Philadelphia. Riders wrote messages on their bodies with paint to share why they rode. This is an annual tradition with over 3,000 participants.



SOURCE: WWW.PEOPLE.COM

A Panama City Walmart is under scrutiny after making a Coke display showing the Twin Towers in honor of 9/11. What is meant to be a thoughtful gesture quickly came under fire for being used as a capitalist trick. Which, to be fair, it probably was.

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By MetroCreative

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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. Kiln
- 5. American time
- 8. Female sibling
- 11. Fencing sword
- 13. Spoken in Laos
- 14. Swiss river
- 15. Fictional Middle-earth
- 16. “The Real World” (abbr.)
- 17. Replacement worker
- 18. Form after cuts
- 20. Frozen water
- 21. Irritates
- 22. Type of bread
- 25. Female peace officers
- 30. Where to put things
- 31. Commercials
- 32. Hard drinker
- 33. Take in
- 38. Copy
- 41. Volume of published materials
- 43. Used to be called “skim”
- 45. Organizes
- 47. Parts of worms
- 49. ___ Khan: hereditary title
- 50. A cravat with wide square ends
- 55. Central China mountain range
- 56. Longing
- 57. Elephant’s name
- 59. British children’s author Blyton
- 60. Something curved in shape
- 61. Home to important events
- 62. Nagorno Karabakh Republic (abbr.)
- 63. A very large body of water
- 64. Consists of two elements

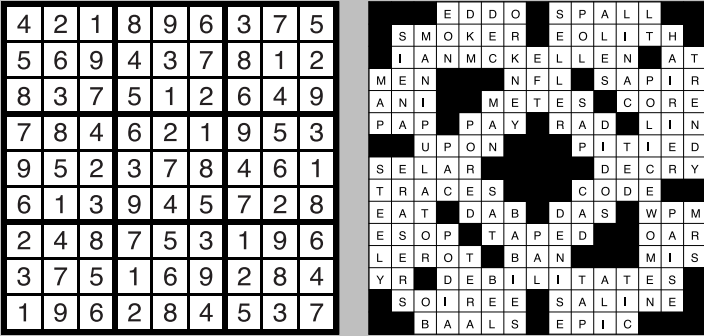
Clues Down

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- 4. Spanish river
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- 6. Malignant tumor
- 7. Dried off
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- 12. Confederate soldier
- 14. Popular Bollywood actress Thottumkal
- 19. Small scale embedded generation (abbr.)
- 23. Female sheep
- 24. Of unsound mind
- 25. Pacific Time
- 26. Iowa town 51044
- 27. Trim
- 28. Wrath
- 29. Used to serve wine
- 34. Make less bright
- 35. Skywalker mentor ___-Wan Kenobi
- 36. Protestant, Ulster, Loyalist
- 37. Expression of disappointment
- 39. Tropical fruits
- 40. Furniture with open shelves
- 41. Metal can be extracted from it
- 42. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 44. Lingua ___
- 45. Chadic language
- 46. Peruse
- 47. Yemenese port city
- 48. Lean
- 51. Helps little firms
- 52. Blackjack players need this
- 53. Be obedient to
- 54. Source of the Nile River
- 58. Cool
- 64. Siberian river

SOLUTIONS



Lauren Ransom

Sophomore discovers her life turning out differently than she thought

REBECCA BOREN
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Most students go into college with a good idea of what they want to do for their career.

However, the average college student changes his or her major three times (borderzine.com).

Sophomore Lauren Ransom was one of those college students. She came to Northwest with a declared major of agricultural business. But by the second semester of her freshman year, she knew this was not the route she was supposed to take.

Ransom grew up in the small town of Thompson, Missouri but graduated high school from Mexico, Missouri. She is the eldest of four children. Her younger sister is a senior in high school and she has twin siblings—a boy and girl—in seventh grade. Her father is an engineer and designs machinery for Continental Products while her mother is a second grade teacher.

Thompson is a rural town with a population just over 700 people. There, Ransom’s family raises meat goats as a hobby.

Ransom’s family owns around 250 goats. Although she grew up around them, it was difficult for her to build any emotional attachments.

“Occasionally we have had to keep bottle babies in the house when it was cold and their mom had passed away,” Ransom said. “Them being in the house is always an adventure. However, there are goats we prepare for 4-H projects, and those have names and you get a little more attached to them.”

4-H is an organization for adolescents to learn citizenship, leadership and life skills while focusing on science, citizenship and healthy living. The overall goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage service opportunities.

One particular goat Ransom remembers with fondness is a three-legged goat named Tripod.

“It didn’t know it only had three legs compared to the normal four,” Ransom said. “It would just hop around and follow you absolutely everywhere. It was the most loving little thing... He had so much energy and was so fun to be around.”

Along with being involved in 4-H, Ransom also participated in Future Farmers of America (FFA) while in high school.

This initial interest in agriculture is what attracted Ransom to Northwest. The University of Missouri has a reputable agriculture program, but the school was too big for Ransom.



REBECCA BOREN | NW MISSOURIAN

As president of the Honor’s Association, Lauren Ransom hopes to increase awareness and participation this year.

“Agriculture was a huge part of my high school career... I was so confident about agricultural business. But, then I came (to Northwest) and took a couple classes and realized I hated it,” Ransom said.

She then decided to switch her major to psychology with a minor in child and family studies.

“I just felt God’s calling for me was not to do (agricultural business). I had made my initial decision without relying on him to guide my life,”

Ransom said. “He had different plans for me... I got to the point of breaking down. It was really hard to let go of my own ambition and really focus on what I thought God wanted me to do with my life.”

Ransom said switching her major is one of the most joyful moments of her life.

“I just realized God’s plan for me and let go of all of my own reasoning, and it just brought me so much joy and peace,” Ransom said.

As far as Northwest goes, Ransom loves the close community the Bearcat family has.

“When people go on tours, they see their tour guide waving at people and knowing them by name, and they think this doesn’t really happen. But then it does,” Ransom said.

The hardest transition for Ransom was being away from home and her family.

“I am a homebody, so being close to four hours away can be

hard,” Ransom said.

Ransom admits life has been pretty easy up until college.

“I didn’t have to worry about a lot. But realizing how alone you are when you get to college and having to consciously make the choice not to be alone was the main difficulty I have had to overcome,” Ransom said. “There are people who care about you and want to help you if you let them, but you have to move past your reservations to let that happen.”

Ransom’s childhood best friend, sophomore Abby Gooch, also decided to attend Northwest. Both ran cross country in middle school, and Ransom claims they haven’t changed too much throughout their friendship.

“We’ve been friends for about eight years,” Gooch said. “I am not entirely sure how the friendship came to be, but it was probably because she thought I was crazy and I wanted to get to know her more.”

Gooch and Ransom are a great example of how opposites attract.

“She is super organized and very professions. She’s wonderful at giving advice and a great listener,” Gooch said.

Junior Carter Jefferies is another friend Ransom made in her time at Northwest. He thinks Ransom is kind, thoughtful and respectful.

“She cares not only about her own success, but the success of her peers,” Jefferies said. “She is willing to put aside personal differences for cooperation, academic achievement and friendship.”

Ransom is the president of the Honors Association. In her freshman year, when she was the outreach coordinator, she noticed the turn out to meetings was fairly low. She hopes to change that this year.

“As an executive board, we really want to increase awareness about this resource that is available for honor students who want to build a community,” Ransom said. “We want honors students to have a voice about their program and receive any help when they need it.”

For incoming students, Ransom offers a bit of advice.

“It’s cliché, but don’t be afraid to put yourself out there and get involved. The best experiences I have had are from meeting other people and getting involved in organizations and student ministries where you find people with similar interests,” Ransom said. “I am really involved in Baptist Student Union (BSU) and our motto is ‘Doing life together.’ And that is what you have to find. People to do life with.”



REBECCA BOREN | NW MISSOURIAN

Ransom’s family raises meat goats as a hobby. They participate in 4-H projects and show their goats in the summer. Total, the Ransom family has about 205 goats.

Tim Mooney takes Bearcats closer to greatness

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A&E Reporter | @TheMissourian

To help theatre, and history majors, and the general public achieve one step closer to theatre greatness, Northwest hosted a theatre workshop Sept. 9 and 10.

The weekend was made up of two parts. The first workshop was an overview of classical acting.

Timothy Mooney, the special guest speaker and instructor of the workshops, handed out scripts and monologues for students to read and perform.

“He talked about basic classical actor techniques,” senior Andrea Boswell said. “One of the main exercises he used was the analogy of having so much power and projection in your voice that you rattle the lights. He kept saying rattle the lights.”

He also advised students to make ugly faces and enunciate so much they spit.

“You know, making so much emotion in your face and making everything large,” Boswell said.

The second day was about “Shakespeare Spaghetti,” which was named as such because many people find Shakespeare confusing. At first glance, it’s like a plate of spaghetti.

“It’s only when you pull it by each individual strand and mesh it all back together in a organized clump that we are able to understand and appreciate Shakespeare,” Boswell said.

Later in the night Mooney gave a performance of his show “Moliere than Thou.” He spoke all of his lines in iambic pentameter.



MEGAN WALLACE | NW MISSOURIAN
Tim Mooney took students through various exercises including making faces and projecting voices.

Each character was differentiated by headwear such as wigs and hats. The characters also had his or her own unique voices. Mooney occasionally called upon audience members to lend a hand in his performance. During some of his

monologues, Mooney would go into the crowd and walk about, extending his movements to the whole theatre rather than just on the stage.

After his performance, he gave a bit of insight on why he chose classical theatre.

“Well, when I was a kid, I used to read Thor comic books,” Mooney said, “which just got me accustomed to like reading the ‘thee’ and ‘thou’ forms of speech, that archaic speech that I was just used to it by the time I got to Shake-

peare... Then when I got into college, I got to read a lot more and took Shakespeare classes.”

While in college, Mooney had an internship with the Alabama Shakespeare Festival where he began writing play adaptations for Shakespeare and Moliere.

“I invested those words with as much double autonomy and layers of meaning as I possibly could. It just kind of caught fire from there,” Mooney said.

Although Mooney’s main focus is Shakespeare, his adaptations of Moliere still play an important role in his work.

“Moliere was about 60 years later than Shakespeare just in terms of the height of his career, and the world had changed a little bit,” Mooney said. “He was able to be a little less reverent than Shakespeare had to be. Shakespeare had to walk very carefully around the issues of religion and sex. In Shakespeare’s time, women weren’t allowed on the stage. In Moliere’s time, they were. It enabled him to be a little more frisky in his humor.”

When it comes to getting involved with classical theatre, Mooney has some advice.

“The best is to jump into a play here [Northwest]. I understand they’re performing the Learned Ladies next spring, and every couple of years they do Shakespeare or a classical work. The more you do it, the more you pick up in the process.”

Overall, students left with a better sense on how to perform classical works, and a better understanding of how life not only imitates art, but how art imitates life.

Trans America requires acceptance from everyone

SYDNEY OETTER
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Do you remember the day you woke up and realized your skin color? No, you weren’t genetically programmed to think in that way. The struggle comes when people wake up and have to realize the gender they identify with is not the one they were born into.

According to the William Institute, 1.4 million Americans identify as transgender. Rikke Charlene Frucht, retired Chairman of History and Humanities lived as a chameleon at Northwest for three decades until retiring in 2008. She feared becoming her true self could result in the loss of her job or harassment.

Frucht recently returned to Northwest to talk to faculty, staff and administration about what it means to be trans friendly.

“We are people who have always been here,” Frucht said. “Native Americans referred to transgenders as two spirits.”

Frucht has gone from educating students in a classroom to educating publicly about the transgender community. She focuses on

helping Trans Americans become whole persons who are at peace with themselves.

She wants Northwest to continue its equality for all students in the LGBT community and to not just let it become a slogan on the wall.

With 6 percent of people identifying as Trans American, Northwest could have anywhere from 50 to 70 students potentially living in their chameleon state in fear becoming their true selves could lead to the lost of peers, family members and colleagues.

“Forty percent of the transgender community will try to commit suicide and 45 percent of these people will be under the age of 25 (livescience.com).”

Frucht spoke passionately about Leelah Alcorn, who was born in a male’s body. She came to her parents and asked to live as the gender she identified with, which was female. Her parents denied her request due to the family’s religious values. Leelah committed suicide Sunday Jan. 4, 2015.

Frucht wanted students to know that it does indeed get better.

“Be yourself... don’t live hurting,” Frucht said. “Be real. Be who you are. Take it from somebody who had to be a chameleon.”

She lives by the quote from Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier, “Know you are right and go ahead.”

Confident and outgoing you would never know Frucht was ever anyone else beside herself. She knows how hard it could be for any student to come to terms with who they truly want to be themselves.

“Don’t look at yourself as a victim, you are a person... Know you are right and go ahead,” Frucht said.

THE STROLLER:
Your Woman needs some alone time with just you

No, this is not a sexual innuendo. It is the truth.

Your woman loves to hang out with her close friends and it can be really fun to hang out in a big group of friends as well. She likes going out for ice cream and to the occasional party.

While all of this is fun, to keep your relationship solid with your woman, you need to make sure you are making time for just the two of you to relax and have real conversations.

It is really easy to get caught up in the college lifestyle. There is a weird competition between college students about who is the busiest or who got the least amount of sleep the night before because of everything they had to do.

Not only is this detrimental to your mental health, it is bad for your relationship.

There always seems to be an excuse to push date night back another day or week or month. So and so needs me to help her move her furniture around, I have tests coming up or my manager asked me to work late.

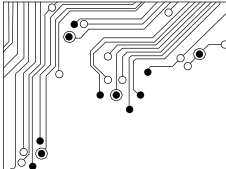
Each time the excuse seems valid, but your relationship takes a hit for every rain check.

People will make time for what is important to them. Maybe for you that means making sure you have Thursday nights off because your favorite show you watch as a couple is one. Maybe it means accepting a B instead of an A on your stats test because your significant other was having a hard night.

Whatever it is, make sure it happens. Your woman needs alone time with you without the distractions of friends and school work. And you need that time with your woman as well. So make it happen.

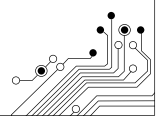

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BASICS
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

The Spoofhounds’ philosophy of sticking to the basics is working well with their young squad. The team is made up of 11 girls including one freshman, five sophomores, one junior and four seniors. Out of the six girls on the varsity roster, only three of them are returners while the other three made their varsity debut this season.

This young team presents McGinness with the opportunity to develop her athletes throughout their high school careers.

“I love seeing athletes achieve their goals, and that sense of accomplishment they receive” McGinness said. “I also love seeing my athletes work as a team to accomplish their goals.”

Despite the young age, McGinness has a great group of seniors. They lead the team not only by their actions in practice, but by their achievements on the court. One of these seniors is Bethel Orshiso, who has not lost a single set this season.

Orshiso, just like her coach, emphasizes the importance of focusing on the basics in order to succeed. Orshiso works to make sure that even the little things, like muscle tightness, is not a problem during a match.

“I work on forehands and backhands to maintain consistency,” Orshiso said. “I also warm up and stretch before the match, and continue to stretch while I’m playing.”

One of the important aspects of coaching for McGinness is providing the right atmosphere for her athletes.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Lauren Macali and Maggie Kempf celebrate a match win over Bishop Leblond Thursday, Sept. 1.

letes. She makes sure to provide the training and guidance that her players need to reach the goals that they set throughout the season while also encouraging their love for tennis.

“I believe in providing an environment that encourages athletes to be the best they can be by developing their skills and being passionate about the sport,” McGinness said.

The Spoofhounds will defend their undefeated record Monday Sept. 19 against Bishop LeBlond at the Noyes Tennis Center. The varsity match begins at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ St. Joseph Lafayette
Tuesday, Sept. 20 @ 4 p.m.

DEFENSE
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

The defense has regularly forced its opponents to turn over the ball Webb refers to the forced turnovers as takeaways.

“Takeaways are a violent action,” Webb said. “When an offense turns the ball over, that is a passive action. On defense, we talk about creating takeaways and making them happen. It is a fundamental practice to go up and catch the ball. It is a fundamental skill to recover it. It is fundamental to strip the ball out. It is fundamental to be in the right possession to create what we call horizontal leverage on tackles.”

The Spoofhounds have created eight takeaways this season. The team has also stopped 22.4 percent of third down conversions. Webb says his coaching staff emphasizes statistics like the ones mentioned above to keep the defense motivated each week.



JAMES HOWEY | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior running back Bob Bruckner pushes past a Bishop Leblond defender Sept 8.

“The turnover wins football games,” Webb said. “It really opens the eyes up to kids when you show them numbers on the years that we’ve gone undefeated and won a state championship. We’ve finished with a large plus margin in

turnovers in those situations, and those are the goals we are trying to obtain. We talk about it all the time. It is a part of the culture, it is a part of what we believe and it just happens. The kids have really bought into it.”

The Spoofhounds reach the halfway point of the regular season against Cameron. The Dragons have yet to win a game this season. However, the Spoofhounds have no plan of setting preparation aside.

“They spread you out,” Webb said. “They have really good splits on the offensive line. They like to create schemes. They have a new coach this year and the kids are playing very hard for him. It is a great learning scheme for Cameron and we are going to have to go out there and play as hard as possible.”

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Cameron High School Sept. 16.

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ Cameron
Friday, Sept. 16 @ 7 p.m.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Danielle Wolfe

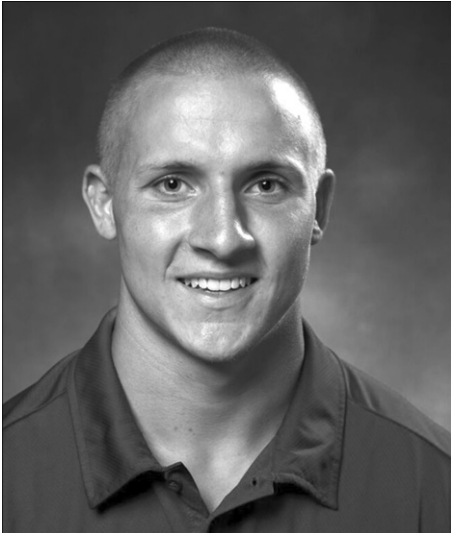
Jacob Vollstedt

Ann Swink

Trey Oglesby



The junior midfielder recorded one goal and two assists in the Bearcats 5-0 victory over Sioux Falls. Wolfe leads the team with six points this season.



The former All-MIAA linebacker recorded 13 total tackles (eight solo and five assisted) in the Bearcats 41-7 victory over Washburn Sept. 8. The senior also registered two quarterback hurries.



The senior recorded nine one-putts in a row, earning a score of 41 through nine holes earning medalist honors at the Cameron Veterans’ Memorial Golf Course Sept. 13. This marked the best score of her career.



The senior quarterback threw for 70 yards on five passes against Bishop LeBlond Sept. 9. Oglesby also rushed for 95 yards and four touchdowns.

Consecutive wins give Bearcats momentum

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Chief Sports Reporter | @treyrock36

After dropping its season opener, the Northwest soccer team responded with two impressive wins to push its season record to 2-1.



The wins included a 2-1 victory over Minnesota Crookston and a 5-0 shutout of Sioux Falls. Although the successful weekend was a culmination of multiple parts, two players that stuck out in particular were juniors Danielle Wolfe and Hannah Goetz.

Wolfe registered one goal and two assists over the weekend, while Goetz's defense has been as consistent as it is strong since she stepped foot on campus.

According to coach Tracy Hoza, the wheels for a promising season were already set in motion by the two juniors' actions over the course of the offseason.

"Juniors did what juniors are supposed to do, and that is take care of business over the summer and last spring," Hoza said. "That is showing leadership, and it has really shown this year on the field."

Northwest's match against Rockhurst may not have gotten off to an ideal start, but the aforementioned leadership and fervor by the juniors, as well as other key players, allowed the team to escape with a narrow victory.

"The first game against Rockhurst was a little tentative," Hoza said. "We sat back a little bit and it hurt us, but the second half was much better and the scoreboard shows that."

The scoreboard may have shown a second half turnaround in the first game, but what it did not show were the two wins that took place over the following weekend, including an eruption of goals Sunday.

"I'm not sure if I've ever seen four goals scored in five minutes," Hoza said. "I'm still in shock, and

with the defense getting the shut-out and what these guys are doing upfront by being unpredictable, it's been fun."

One of the key goals heading into the season was to maintain positive leadership even when the situation is less than ideal. After two impressive outings in consecutive matches, momentum is now something Northwest can proudly say is on its side.

"We have confidence now because we're scoring, which certainly helped because the competition will be harder," Wolfe said. "It is also nice because we get to play teams that we've played before, so that confidence will be helpful."

Aggressiveness in regards to shooting is something both players and coach have identified as an area that has improved over the past year. With its newly acquired confidence coupled with emerging players such as freshman Izzy Romano, Northwest welcomes the challenge of conference play.

"Being able to score goals this season helps out a lot," Goetz said. "You can see that because last year we went into overtime with Sioux Falls, and this year we beat them 5-0, which is definitely an improvement."

One thing coach Hoza expressed is her desire for all of her players to have the ability to be technically sound. That mindset has bled over into the players, and it shows with their improved passing and ferocity when attacking the ball.

Northwest will battle Missouri Western at its home opener at 5 p.m. Sept. 16 in Maryville. This game does not count against its conference record.

NEXT GAME

Missouri Western @ Northwest

Friday, Sept. 16 @ 5 p.m.



Junior defender Hannah Goetz clears the ball from the Rockhurst attack Sept. 7.

BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN



Senior Jake Stansbury (center) passes through other runners at the Bearcat Open Sept 2.

BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Cross Country takes major strides toward conference tourney

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The Bearcat cross country teams are heading to Lincoln, Nebraska Sept. 17 to compete alongside more than 30 other teams at the Woody Greeno Invitational.

This is the second cross country meet for Northwest, and coach Scott Lorek knows this meet is a great experience for his athletes, and will help them work toward the larger meets later in the season.

"One of the biggest things is just getting an introduction to a pretty crowded field and being able to negotiate, that is going to be very important," Lorek said. "It's a good meet to prepare us for some bigger ones coming up."

Like with any meet, Lorek and his team hope to do well, but their main focus this season is preparing for the conference meet in October. These first few meets are great for getting the athletes ready to compete in higher calibre races. As a result, Lorek and his runners use these meets to build up their abilities throughout the season.

"The athletes understand that the purpose of these early meets is just to get started," Lorek said. "Each meet gets a little bit more competitive and there's a little more weight with each one, so this is kind of a step up from the last one."

Lorek is very happy with how the teams have performed so far. Both the men's and women's teams have been training hard the past few weeks in order to prepare for the upcoming meet.

"They are running very well, and our whole team has really made a step up from the home meet this last week and a half," Lorek said. "I think they are making a really good step up towards where we want to be."

Both teams are coming off a successful finish at the Bearcat Open Sept. 2. The men took first place with senior Nolan Zimmer winning his second consecutive Bearcat Open. Sophomore Brayden Clews-Proctor stayed with Zimmer for most of the race and finished behind him in second place. Junior Sammy Laurenzo led the women's team to a second place finish while also placing second individually.

Senior Jake Stansbury, who finished eighth individually at the Bearcat Open, is looking forward to running a full race with a crowded field. The packed course does nothing to deter Stansbury. Rather, he enjoys the competition that comes with running alongside so many other athletes.

"There were points in the home meet where I was about 100 meters away from the next guy, and it makes it a lot more difficult when you're running on your own," Stansbury said. "Having extra bodies just to chase after, and extra people to push you makes it quite a bit easier."

Although the team has been preparing for the upcoming invitational, it has also been looking to the future at the major races coming up this season. Stansbury says that the main goal for the team right now is to focus on conference.

"We have a big goal; we want to win conference this year," Stansbury

said. "It's going to be tough, but I think we have the capability if we keep our heads on straight and just stay focused."

Lorek also knows that his athletes are capable of reaching their goals, despite having setbacks this summer and early in the season. The women's team suffered several injuries that it is still battling back from.

"Three or four women have dealt with injuries over the summer, so I think in some ways, our women's team is a little behind where we would ideally like to be right now, but we can pull that together," Lorek said.

The men's team has also faced some similar issues. Several athletes are still dealing with injuries from this summer, but Lorek is not worried about how the men will perform.

"Wick Cunningham is still out, and Brandon Phipps missed our first meet," Lorek said. "They both had really good summers training, but then we had some setbacks near the end of the summer."

The Bearcats are not letting these injuries affect them. They are still pushing themselves to train hard and compete well in the upcoming meets.

Northwest will compete in Lincoln Saturday Sept. 17. After that, the Bearcats have a few weeks of training before they head to Fayetteville, Arkansas Oct. 1 for the Arkansas Chili Pepper Festival.

NEXT GAME

Woody Greeno Invitational

Saturday, Sept. 17 @ All Day

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Bearcats off to historic start

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If last year’s 5-0 start exhibited signs of a program on the rise, then this year’s 8-0 start surely signifies a team that has finally arrived.



In Northwest’s first home tournament since 2009, it dismantled the competition, outscoring both Minnesota State and Rockhurst University, which is ranked 24th nationally, with a score of 3-2.

Northwest is in the midst of its best start since 1984, and according to head coach Amy Woerth, there is still work that needs to be done.

“Obviously some things need to be worked on to make it easier for us,” Woerth said, referring to the multiple close matches over the past two weeks. “But I’m really proud of our girls for showing a lot of heart out there and putting everything on the line.”

But improvement is expected, and with younger players such as junior Sarah Dannattell and sophomore Maddy Bruder making significant contributions, this team is in position to excel come conference play.

In the past two tournaments, Bruder earned All-Tournament team honors while leading the team in kills with 129 and points with 148.

Entering the weekend, Woerth made it known that by beating teams from its region, Northwest would make the selection process for post-season play more black and white. But in order to make it to that point, Northwest would have to set the tone early in the season.

“Coming out and beating Sioux Falls in four (sets) does send a message,” Woerth said. “They’re a good Northern Sun school which is a conference in our region... Playing



Sophomore Sofia Schleppenbach celebrates after the Bearcats won their final match of the weekend and moved to 8-0 on the season.

these schools is key to getting to regionals in the sense it shows we’re playing them and doing well.”

Although Northwest concluded the weekend with a 4-0 record, it was not as easy as the record suggests.

Because of this, particularly the Rockhurst match, Woerth has acknowledged the fight and mental fortitude the team showed over the course of the weekend.

“We showed a lot of resiliency and picked up a couple more wins

by going to five sets,” Woerth said. “That is really going to help us in our conference from the standpoint of just how tough it is.”

Enduring the battle has yielded significant dividends, and if Northwest did not already show exceptional chemistry and vigor, then its historic start definitely gave it a reason to.

But according to Bruder, all eyes remain fixated on the bigger picture.

“It’s a lot of excitement and ener-

gy in the locker room,” Bruder said. “But there is also a lot of us saying we can’t get complacent because we still have a lot of stuff we need to work on to get better on the court.”

According to Bruder, because a majority of the team stayed in Maryville and returned early over the summer for offseason workouts, the team is experiencing a proficient start.

The extra time spent working on the craft together may have had its role, but the best medicine for

chemistry is always winning, and that is something Northwest has done in spades.

Northwest travels to Warrensburg to battle a regional opponent at 3 p.m. Sept. 16 at Arkansas Tech University.

NEXT GAME
UCM Tournament
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17 @ All Day

Former Tiger officially transfers to Northwest

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Former Missouri Tiger defensive lineman Harold Brantley has officially transferred to play football as a Northwest Missouri Bearcat.

Brantley, a 2014 All-SEC honorable mention, made quite a name for himself during his time spent at Missouri. In his sophomore year the defensive end tallied 54 stops with 5.0 sacks and 7.0 TFLs in 14 games (10 starts).

Brantley will be a new addition to an already potent Bearcat defense. He will be playing alongside two All-Americans, seniors Collin Bevins and Kevin Berg.

Brantley was sidelined last season due to a car crash that occurred in June 2015. In the spring, Brantley didn’t fully participate in training because of academic issues. By the end of spring, Missouri head coach Barry Odom had claimed that he finished the season strong, but was dis-

missed from the Missouri Tiger program in August.

Brantley’s future seemed to be in jeopardy, but everything has changed over the past couple days.

“So blessed to still have the opportunity to play the game, and extremely excited to be a Bearcat!,” Brantley said in a tweet.

Over his two seasons for the Tigers, Brantley accumulated 84 total tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, 28 sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Brantley’s clearance to transfer has been on hold due to a test score not being cleared as well as clearance not being delivered to the NCAA.

Northwest Missouri was waiting on a history final score to be delivered in order for the transfer to become official.

The timetable for Brantley’s first appearance as a Bearcat is unknown, but he is doubtful to appear this weekend. This is all according to sources close to the team.

2014 All-SEC Honorable Mention

28 Games Played

84 Tackles

2 Fumbles Recovered

12 Tackles for Loss

Stats from 2013-2014



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Former University of Missouri football player Harold Brantley is now eligible to play for the Northwest Bearcats for the rest of the Bearcats 2016 season.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall
NORTHWEST.....	2-0
Central Missouri.....	2-0
Missouri Western.....	2-0
Emporia St.....	1-1
Fort Hays St.....	1-1
Lindenwood.....	1-1
Northeastern St.....	1-1
Pittsburg St.....	1-1
Washburn.....	1-1
Central Oklahoma.....	0-2
Missouri Southern.....	0-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-2

Sept. 17
Nebraska Kearney at NORTHWEST
Missouri Southern at Emporia St.
Lindenwood at Washburn
Central Missouri at Missouri Western
Northeastern St at Pittsburg State
Central Oklahoma at Fort Hays St

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	9-0	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	8-0	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	8-0	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	7-0	0-0
Central Missouri.....	6-2	0-0
Washburn.....	6-2	0-0
Emporia St.....	5-3	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-4	0-0
Missouri Western.....	4-4	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	2-6	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	2-6	0-0
Pittsburg St.....	0-8	0-0

Sept. 16
NORTHWEST vs Arkansas Tech

Sept. 17
NORTHWEST vs Southern Arkansas
NORTHWEST vs Henderson State

NW WOMEN’S SOCCER

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays St.....	4-0	0-0
Northeastern St.....	4-0	0-0
Central Missouri.....	3-0	0-0
Lindenwood.....	3-0	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	3-0-10-0	
Missouri Western.....	3-1	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-1	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	1-1-10-0	
Nebraska Kearney.....	2-2	0-0
Washburn.....	2-2	0-0
Emporia St.....	1-2-10-0	
Washburn.....	0-3	0-0

Sept. 16
Missouri Western at NORTHWEST

Sept. 18
NORTHWEST at Central Missouri

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	4-0	2-0
Smithville.....	4-0	2-0
St. Joseph Lafayette.....	4-0	2-0
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-1	2-1
Chillicothe.....	3-1	2-1
St. Joseph Benton.....	1-3	0-2
Cameron.....	0-4	0-2
Savannah.....	0-4	0-2

Sept. 16
MARYVILLE at Cameron
Chillicothe at Bishop LeBlond
Smithville at St. Joseph Lafayette
Savannah at St. Joseph Benton

FAMILY

Northwest Missouri State hosts family weekend

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A family is most described as a group of people that stand together and share the same values.



This Saturday during Family weekend, the Northwest Missouri campus will come together as a family at 2 p.m. when the Bearcat football team takes the field.

The word family has been a pinnacle of Bearcat sports since the mid-1990s.

Coach Adam Dorrel gave this word true meaning when he first arrived in 1994.

The culture had forever changed. From his days as a player, an offensive coordinator and now a two-time national champion head coach, family has guided him every step of the way.

“That’s just a word that resonated with me,” Dorrel said. “I think this makes Northwest Missouri State special as a football program, not just in the football team but in the University as well. I really believe that.”

Dorrel’s connection to Northwest goes beyond the football field. The special bond he has formed with his coaches and athletes began at a much younger age.

“I was very fortunate to grow up in a really tight knit intermediate family,” Dorrel said. “My dad and mom had big families and both of their families were really close.”

This week, the Bearcat’s growth and development as a team will be on full display.

“I feel like our kids care about each other and I feel like that’s growing,” Dorrel said. “We’ve got to stay focused, but I feel like we are

an unselfish team.”

Bearcat Stadium will be the prime destination in Maryville when the No. 1 ranked Bearcats (2-0) take on Nebraska-Kearney (0-2).

The Bearcat offense may be one of the most versatile in the country, not only in the wide receiver position but in the running game as well. Through the first two games, seven names have appeared in Northwest Missouri’s leading rushing statistics, while 14 wide receivers were targeted.

To further explore this talented team, there are 16 wide receivers listed on the Bearcat’s 53-man roster and nine running backs.

“It’s just not the norm in college football,” Dorell said. “When you have as many kids as we do touching the football, some of those kids deserve to touch it more. Unfortunately, with our system and the amount of play makers we have, it doesn’t always work like that.”

Senior Kyle Zimmerman has many weapons at his disposal and so far, he has made the most of them.

The quarterback has made a living through the first two games, racking up 590 total yards to go along with six touchdowns.

The offensive progression is impressive, and the defense has been on the same level.

Senior Jacob Vollstedt has been a role model in the linebacker position, leading the team in tackles last Thursday against Washburn. The veteran finished with eight solo tackles to go along with five assisted tackles.

Vollstedt attended Regina High School in Iowa City, Iowa and never lost a game during his four year career. As a Bearcat,



Senior quarterback Kyle Zimmerman gives out high fives to kids on the sideline before entering Bearcat Stadium Sept 8.

that trend has continued.

“He’s lost two games in eight or nine years of organized football,” Dorrel said. “He’s a winner. He’s been phenomenal for us, very good in between the tackles. He doesn’t speak often, but when he does, people listen.”

The senior captain’s drive and

will is like no other. His desire to win and and hunger for success is incomprehensible. This year, Vollsetdt and the Bearcats are on a mission once again.

“You’ve always got to strive to be the best, no matter what you do,” Vollstedt said. “School academics or football. Complacen-

cy is something that I just hate in life. I take everything very serious. I absolutely hate losing. I take passion and pride in what I do.”

NEXT GAME
Washburn @ Northwest
Sept. 17 @ 1:30 p.m.

Consistency will guide Spoofhounds to playoff run

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It is now or never for the Maryville football seniors.

Four weeks into the season, Spoofhound football has found a way to extend its regular season winning streak to 42 wins.

The Spoofhounds have not lost a game in the regular season since October 2011. They have only earned a state championship once during this period. The team is hungry to complete a task which has only been done by the coaching staff.

Looking at the standings, the Midland Empire conference is performing fairly well with only three teams sitting under .500: St. Joseph Benton, Cam-

eron and Savannah. These teams highlight three of the last four regular season games for the Spoofhounds.

Based on the clinics the team has put on against its first four opponents, Maryville should be able to come on top each week until the Spoofhounds arrive at the quarterfinals.

The Spoofhounds have lost in the quarterfinals over the last two years where each game ended with a double-digit deficit. The Spoofhounds look to overshadow these losses this season.

This is the last chance for the seniors to prove themselves. Most of the seniors have been playing football together since they were little. Each of them have a strong relationship with one another.

As a Spoofhound, they have experienced the sharp summer heat and the bitterness of playoff losses. The only thing missing from the resume is a state title.

The season has been unique by far.

Three of the first four weeks have been played in rain, one game was continued on a Saturday and another played a day before scheduled kickoff. Through this time, the team has dealt with adversity which can be used as fuel down the road.

The Spoofhounds sit under starting quarterback Trey Oglesby for the third straight season. Oglesby has proven himself to be a dominant quarterback throughout his time as a Spoofhound, throwing for 663 yards and nine touchdowns with a 65 percent completion rate.

Oglesby’s only losses as the starting quarterback have come in the playoffs, each game coming in a dogfight. This season Oglesby has only lost possession of the ball once.

“He knows what we expect from a quarterback as far as taking care of the football and getting it to the receivers if they are open, and preventing turnovers if they are not open,” Webb said. “Trey’s

years of experience help with that.”

Maryville has continuously caught its opponents off guard with the help of its rotating running game, highlighted with help from Oglesby and senior running backs Bob Bruckner, Elijah Green, Matt Twaddle and John Zimmerman. Throughout the process, the Spoofhounds have racked up 902 yards and 18 touchdowns.

“We rotate a lot, and it is a part of one of our big secrets to success, having fresh legs and running the football. When you are on defense and facing somebody fresh in runningback, it constantly wears your opponent down.”

Wearing the opponent down is the key for the Spoofhounds offensively and defensively. At the same time, an opponent has yet to shut the Spoofhounds down. Because of this, time is the only threat against the Spoofhounds for the rest of the season.

Defense leads the way for Maryville

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Spoofhound football has continuously established itself as a dominant offensive team under coach Matt Webb. What often gets overlooked is the Hounds’ power-packed defense.

Through the first four games of the season, the Spoofhounds have scored 188 points on 1583 yards. The defense has helped limit its opponents to 646 yards, resulting in 32 points. No team has scored more than 15 points against Maryville this season.

“It is a team defense,” coach Matt Webb said. “We have played four weeks with four different teams of different offensive schemes. It is a great advantage through each week and each opponent. You have to play great defense. The kids are playing great as a whole.”

The defense has established momentum through these tests. At the same time, the Spoofhounds have faced situations which are not a part of the regular season.

“I think we have gone through a lot of adversity,” senior defensive end Tucker Tripp said. “We’ve had a game on Thursday, and a Friday



Senior cornerback Tomas Coalson tackles a Bishop Leblond player Sept. 8.

night rain delay to go back to on a Saturday. The playing conditions have been rough. We have done a great job adapting.”

Tripp leads the Spoofhounds with 3.5 sacks this season. He has also recovered one fumble. The veteran defensive end has established himself as a leader among

each of his teammates.

“We are all a family,” Tripp said. “From first to third strings, we all get along. We know what is happening with the ball; we know the blitzes. I feel comfortable with anybody in.”

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Tennis gets back to the basics

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Maryville girls tennis team defeated Cameron 9-0 Monday, extending its undefeated record to 6-0.

Coach Nicole McGinness is proud of her team and the effort it is putting into the season. McGinness attributes much of the team’s success to preparation and working hard in practice.

“We are really just working on fundamentals,” McGinness said. “Three of the varsity are returners, and the other three are new to varsity, so we work on the basics: forehands, backhands, serving.”

Focusing on their foundation has proven to be successful for the Hounds not only this season, but last season as well. Maryville went 10-0 in the regular season last year. It also won the Midland Empire Conference for the first time since 1987 and placed second at districts. Going undefeated is quite the accomplishment, but McGinness knows that this year’s team can surpass the success of last year’s team.



Senior Maggie Kempf practices Sept. 1.

“The goal for the team this year is to continue its winning ways and try to get that district championship,” McGinness said. “The girls can achieve it, because they are all very motivated.”

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